

**Amendment to the Claims:**

Following is a complete listing of claims, indicating amendments currently made and those made in the *Amendment* filed July 17, 2003. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A pressing apparatus for producing from a paperboard blank a food service paperboard container having an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die that includes a first base and a first platform movable with respect to the first base, said first base having a curved surface for engaging an outer periphery of a paperboard blank;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and including a second base and a second platform movable with respect to the second base, said second die being movable with respect to the first die, said second base having a curved surface for mating with the curved surface on the first die and engaging the outer periphery of the paperboard blank so that the outer periphery of the paperboard blank is pressed between the curved surface of the first base and the curved surface of the second base;

a first cast-in heater mounted within a recess in the first die, the first cast-in heater including a resistor wire embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material; and

a second cast-in heater mounted within a recess in the second die, the second cast-in heater including a resistor wire embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material.

2. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the recess in which the first cast-in heater is mounted is in the first base.

3. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the recess in which the second cast-in heater is mounted is in the second base.
4. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the cast-in material of the first and second cast-in heaters is a thermally conductive material.
5. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the cast-in material for the first and second cast-in heaters is a ferrous or non-ferrous based alloy including an iron-based alloy, an aluminum-based alloy, a copper-based alloy, a magnesium-based alloy, a nickel-based alloy or a titanium-based alloy.
6. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the resistor wire of the first and second cast-in heaters is a coiled resistor wire located within a sleeve.
7. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein only a single cast-in heater is mounted in the first die and only a single cast-in heater is mounted in the second die.
8. (Original) A pressing apparatus for producing a food service paperboard container from a paperboard blank, wherein the paperboard container has an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a cast-in heater mounted in either the first die or the second die.

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9. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the cast-in heater is mounted in a recess in the first die.
  10. (Previously presented) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the cast-in heater is mounted in the first die and constitutes a first cast-in heater, and including a second cast-in heater mounted in the second die.
  11. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the cast-in heater includes a resistor wire embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material.
  12. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the cast-in material is a ferrous or non-ferrous based alloy including an iron-based alloy, an aluminum-based alloy, a copper-based alloy, a magnesium-based alloy, a nickel-based alloy or a titanium-based alloy.
  13. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the resistor wire is a coiled resistor wire located within a sleeve.
  14. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a single cast-in heater is mounted in the first die and a single cast-in heater is mounted in the second die.
  15. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the first die includes a first base and a first platform movable with respect to the first base, said curved surface being provided on said first base.
  16. (Original) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the second die includes a second base and a second platform movable with respect to the second base, said curved surface being provided on said second base.
  17. (Previously presented) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first cast-in heater is removably mounted in the recess in the first die, and the second cast-in heater is removably mounted in the recess in the second die.

18. (Currently amended) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the cast-in heater is removably mounted in either the first die ~~of~~or the second die.

19. (Previously presented) A pressing apparatus for producing from a paperboard blank a food service paperboard container having an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a heating element embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material to form a cast-in heater, the cast-in heater being removably positioned in either the first die or the second die.

20. (Previously presented) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the cast-in heater is mounted in a recess in either the first die or the second die.

21. (Previously presented) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the cast-in heater is a first cast-in heater that is mounted in the first die and including a second cast-in heater mounted in the second die.

22. (New Amended on July 17, 2003) A pressing apparatus for producing from a paperboard blank a food service paperboard container having an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a heating element embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material to form a cast-in heater, the cast-in heater being removably positioned in the first die  
~~The pressing apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the cast-in heater is removably positioned in the first die,~~ and including at least one air tube extending through a hole in the cast-in heater and through a hole in the first die, the air tube communicating with the pressing surface of the first die.

23. (New as of July 17, 2003) A pressing apparatus for producing a food service paperboard container from a paperboard blank, wherein the paperboard container has an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface and a recess with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed thereto;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface and a recess with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed thereto, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a cast-in heater mounted in either the first die or the second die, the cast-in heater being configured and mounted such that a surface of the cast-in heater is in

surface-to-surface contact with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed to a curved forming surface of the apparatus.

24. (New as of July 17, 2003) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the cast-in heater has an annular shape.

25. (New as of July 17, 2003) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein at least one of the recesses of the dies has a peripheral wall extending away from the heater mounting surface of the recess and has a cast-in heater mounted in the recess in surface to surface contact with the peripheral wall of the recess.

26. (New as of July 17, 2003) A pressing apparatus for producing a food service paperboard container from a paperboard blank, wherein the paperboard container has an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a cast-in heater mounted in either the first die or the second die, the cast-in heater having an annular shape.